

Candidates For Senate Must File by Sept. 21

As national elections draw nearer, elections also become important at Joplin Junior College. However, instead of electing only one president, we plan to elect three. Student voters will choose a president of the Student Senate, as well as freshman and sophomore class presidents.

These choices, and those of other officers are of utmost importance and should be given great thought. In addition to meeting the formal requirements, all must be persons who are willing to put time and effort into the job.

Officers of the Senate are president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and parliamentarian. To be eligible for one of these offices, a student must have completed 27 semester hours of college credit with an "M" average. Thirteen hours must have been earned in Joplin Junior College.

Each candidate for each office must be nominated by a petition bearing at least 15 signatures of student body members. The petition shall read: "We, the undersigned, hereby place the name of _____ in consideration as a candidate for the office of _____." A petition shall bear the name of one candidate and should be filed in the main office not later than 3 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, September 21. An assembly introducing the candidates will be held during the sixth period on September 23. The primary election will be held immediately following the assembly. The final election will be held on September 30.

Twenty senators will be elected on a basis of proportional representation by the student body. Class officers will be elected and senators nominated in meetings of each class on September 28.

Remember that to keep our school running smoothly we must get the best qualified people for the job.

Blaine Scholarships Go To Sue Martin And Bill Livingston

Mrs. Sue (Plympton) Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Plympton of Joplin, and William Livingston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Livingston of Joplin, won the annual Blaine scholarship awards.

The scholarships are given to the man and woman with the highest scholastic rank at the end of the freshman year. The Blaine scholarships were inaugurated in honor of the first dean of Joplin Junior College. Professor H. E. Blaine headed the school from 1937 to 1947. During his tenure of office, Professor Blaine initiated many traditions and principles.



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Go to Assembly At 12:35 Tomorrow

To learn more about the extra-curricular organizations previewed in "The Extras of College," all new students should attend the assembly sixth period tomorrow in the auditorium.

Library Improvements To Expedite Study

The College library, located on the first floor, has been improved to a great extent during the summer.

As we breeze through the attractive swinging doors, our attention is immediately caught by the new array of shelves and cabinets on the south wall and in the front of the library. These additions provide reserve, loan, and return space for books and magazines. Also, the biography and fiction books have been moved to the west end of the room.

A new cabinet sink has been added for facilitating library work.

Director to Pick 'Jane Eyre' Cast On October 3

Tryouts for "Jane Eyre," the major fall production, will be held from 2:30 until 4:30, Monday afternoon, October 3, in the College Little Theatre. Ten women and six men compose the cast needed for the Helen Jerome adaptation of the Charlotte Bronte novel.

The romantic melodrama set in 1800 tells the story of Jane Eyre, an orphan who became governess at Thornfield, the mysterious home of Edward Rochester and his daughter, Adele.

In stressing that previous acting experience is unnecessary and that newcomers are always welcome, Director Milton W. Brietzke, recalled that of the 19-member cast of "The Crucible" last year, 15 performers were new to the J.J.C. stage. Brietzke advises any one unable to attend the try-out session to see him for a reading appointment. Scripts are now available in the library.

The play will be presented November 17, 18, and 19.

Paul Jensen Joins Math Department; Replaces H. Manker

Paul Jensen, who has been teaching at North Junior High School for the past two years, has accepted the mathematics position held recently by Harold Manker.

Jensen obtained his Bachelor of Science degree at Oklahoma City University and then received a Masters degree in mathematics from Kansas State College at Pittsburg.

Manker now works in New York.

Y.W.C.A. Invites All Girls to Tea Sunday

All freshman and sophomore girls are invited to the Y.W.C.A. tea to be held from 3 o'clock until 5 Sunday afternoon, September 18. The tea, which will mark the beginning of the membership drive, will take place at the "Y" House, located on the corner of Fifth and Byers. A short musical program will provide entertainment.

Classes Convene For 560; More Enroll This Week

Commencing the twenty-fourth year of J.J.C. history, classes began Monday for 560 students enrolled in the day division. At press time, no figures were available on enlistment in night school. Registered at this time last year were 591 students for regular sessions and night school.

Late enrollment will probably boost the regular session total. The official tally and student breakdown of enrollment will appear in the next issue of The Chart.

Registration preliminaries began September 6 when freshmen took their counseling tests and attended an orientation assembly at which teachers explained the mechanics of semester hours, required courses, and similar aspects of collegiate life. Sophomores registered Thursday and students in the evening division registered Thursday night. Freshmen enrolled Friday.

Saturday, September 17, is the last day for scheduling additional classes.

Six Receive Advanced Credit By New Tests

In an unceasing campaign to provide greater opportunities for students, Joplin Junior College this year inaugurated an advanced standing testing program for freshmen. College credit in English Composition and Mathematics was offered to those students passing the rigid examinations.

Thirty-seven students took the English Composition test. Four passed. Those who will receive three semester hours credit in English are Joe Hansford, Carl Junction; Judith Holden, Joplin; Anita Ingram, Carthage; and Nancy Newby, Joplin.

Thirty-five students took the two-part Mathematics examination. Credit in Algebra was given to Joe Hansford, Richard Carter, Jr., Joplin, the only student passing both divisions of the test, received five semester hours credit in Algebra and Trigonometry.

Summer School Enrollment Drops

Sixty-five students completed eight-week courses in the second summer school session held at J.J.C. in recent years. Last year's enrollment totaled 83.

In commenting upon the sparse attendance, Dean Maurice Litton said: "It is questionable if we continue summer school next year, but we will if possible."

Dr. Litton commended summer school as profitable for the student wishing to finish his academic career sooner and for the working student desiring a lighter fall schedule.



Think ... think ... think ...

This is precisely what every freshman had to do last week when confronted by pre-registration tests.



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Evaluating Our Purposes

Here we stand—in the halls of Joplin Junior College. Here we sit—in the classrooms of Joplin Junior College. And here is our opportunity—for an advanced education. We have all worked hard to get here, so let's make our efforts worthwhile. We should examine opportunities thoroughly, then execute our choice to the utmost degree.

First of all, we must plan our study schedule with good common sense and avoid overloading ourselves with too many subjects. We must organize our schedules in a manner that will provide constructive work and enjoyment at the same time.

Secondly, arrangement of our outside activities should be in accordance with our study schedule. If we find ourselves in so many clubs, social activities, or sports that we no longer study adequately, then we need to stop and remember our primary purpose for being here.

A well-proportioned study schedule and a few outside activities make a better developed student and a happier one.

—S. W.

Sophomore Ethics

By Clair Goodwin, Jr.

(Any resemblance to persons living or dead is purely intended.)

SCENE: Somewhere in the halls of J.J.C. A veteran sophomore, looking haggard and worn after his previous campaigns, leans heavily against the wall, seeking freshmen. Spying one scurrying toward him, he assumes a nonchalant pose.

SOPH: Hey, you. C'mere.

FROSH: (Pointing towards himself) Me?

SOPH: Yeah, you. C'mere. I've got something for you.

FROSH: Something for me?

SOPH: Yeah! You got your tickets yet?

FROSH: (Looking surprised) Tickets? What tickets?

SOPH: (Taking the cigarette out of his mouth and flipping it, with accuracy that takes years of practice towards a near can.) You

ain't heard, kid? Why I've got tickets for 'most anything you need — cut-rate football passes, cafeteria queue cards, and elevator tickets. And they're all guaranteed.

FROSH: You mean if they don't work I'll get my money back?

SOPH: I wouldn't go so far as to say that. But I'll tell you what I'm going to do. Since you're new around here, I'll sell you these football, elevator, and cafeteria tickets at rock-bottom price. Also, I'll give you a season ticket to the dean's office, which I might add is guaranteed to get you in, absolutely free. What do you think of that?

FROSH: Gosh, sir, I'd sure like to have them, but I've only got a dollar.

SOPH: Well, doggone, do you

Cupid's Conquests

That little cherub Cupid has been quite busy among Joplin Junior College students and alumni this summer. Twenty-seven couples have been married and four have announced their engagements.

The marriage list includes:

Adrienne Standley-Gary Kelly
Linda Staves-V.J. Duncan

Sharon Walkup-William Hymer

Judith Wells-Thomas Willett
Elise Moellenhoff-Harold Kuebler

Nancy Smith-James Damer
Melissa Green-Randall Cordell

Linda Greenburg-Paul Smthauer

Ronnie Cole-Debbie Crunk
Margaret Haughwout-Milo E. Wynne

Tom Hamilton-Carolyn Culley
Nancy Hopkins-Buddy Paul

Joy McNabb-Russell Walker
Betty Board-James Worthington

Diana Morgan-David Durham
Janet Martin-Jerry Beeler

Carol Bloom-Don Timberman
Louella Russell-Charles Sherrill

Mickey Sue Dixon-Louis Lopez
Ruby Herzog-Norman Gustafson

Sammy Caldwell-Nelson Bell
Sue Plympton-Buddy Martin

Clovis Owens-Ralph Newell
Judith Allens-Max Stinnet

Rayma Hammer-Bob Henson
Virginia Cramer-Paul Stubblefield

Pamela Martin-Robert Walker
Diana Einsel-D. L. Bailey

The engagement list includes:

Sarah Lieb-Cecil Blankenship
Julia Sears-James Hunzeker

Janice Turk-Rev. Syl Adkins
Donna Diehl-Dr. William Roehling

know that's exactly my rock-bottom price. I'll take it. Here's your tickets.

FROSH: (extending his grubby little hands to accept the tickets) Golly, sir. I don't know how I'm going to repay you.

SOPH: Think nothing of it, kid. Now beat it, before I have a change of heart.

FROSH: (Rushing away down the hall) Thank you.

The sophomore, his hardened face softening just a bit, watches the eager freshman run down the hall. He brushes away an imaginary tear and sadly shakes his head. "Anyway, it's a living," he comments to no one in particular.



Stork Visits Faculty

Three faculty babies were born this summer. A son, Alexander Kendrick, was born to Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Brietzke; a son, Paul Jeffrey, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Kash; and a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Manker, who have moved to New York.

Some Important Dates

Sept. 16—Orientation Assembly
Sept. 17—Last day to add classes
Sept. 18—Y.W.C.A. Tea
Sept. 21—Nominations for Student Senate close
Sept. 24—College Players Reception
Sept. 25—Tri Beta Tea
Sept. 30—General Elections
Oct. 7—School dismissed for Teachers Workshop
Oct. 19—First Community Concert

Dramatics Group To Hold Reception

All students interested in any phase of the dramatic field—acting, set construction, production activities — are invited to attend the College Players reception, at 8 o'clock, Saturday night, September 24, in the College Little Theater.

Milton W. Brietzke, sponsor, emphasizes that any one wishing to attend should sign the list to be posted on the bulletin board outside the main office.

B. A. Austin and Judy Griffis will serve as coordinators of the event. Serving on the committees are Lowell Thomas, Sue Winchester, Joy Roper, posters; Shirley Hilliard, Helen Kersey, invitations; Nancy Mapes, Galen Irwin, Ronnie Camp, program; and Rebecca Doolen, Sharon Miller, Mike Walker, decorations and refreshments.

We Can Roar Tonight

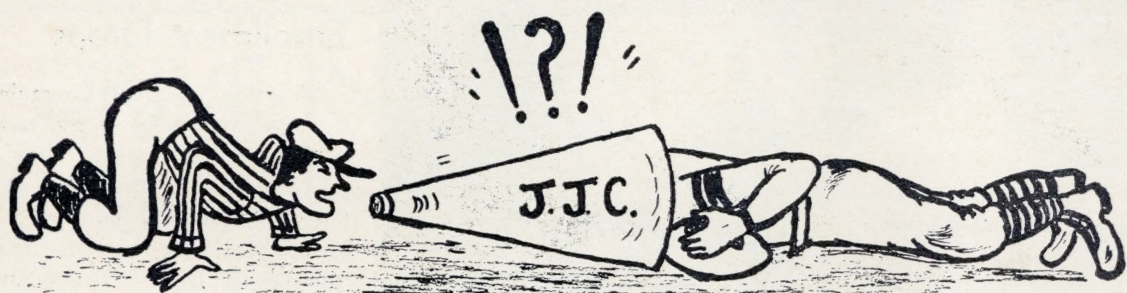
This being the day of our first home game of the year, we thought it an opportune time to discuss something that is of great importance on the campus—school spirit. It's that certain something that can be felt in the air, emanating from practically everyone when a big event is about to take place. There is excitement, tenseness, pride, and interest in the atmosphere that typifies the "good ole college rah, rah" attitude—the attitude you can help create if you are an active participant, spectator, or player at tonight's game.

It may be difficult to switch your loyalty from the old high school to college in only two short years, but just try attending a few games (the home ones are free) and see if you don't begin to feel pride and interest in the fine job our boys can and will do on that football field. They aren't playing for themselves, you know. They're out there to represent us—students, faculty, alumni, and the town.

We hear that Joplin has the makings of an excellent team and a show of enthusiasm certainly will not be unappreciated. So, how about it all young and older Lions? Let's all meet at Junge Stadium tonight at 7:30 and roar for our side. Incidentally, our boys are the ones in green, gold, and white. And, the words of the school song, for which we stand, are as follows:

"Our Alma Mater, we honor thee,
Shaping and guiding our destiny.
After we have parted as the years roll by;
We'll keep each memory hail, hail to thee."

—A. N.



YOU'RE OUT OF BOUNDS!

ALAN BATES

The Extras of College

Joplin Junior College furnishes a well-rounded extra-curricular life for students in the form of 15 student organizations. These organizations feature varied activities and many are available to all interested. Information may be obtained by watching the bulletin boards in the main hall, or by contacting sponsors of the group about which you desire information.

The Chart extends opportunities to students in writing, cartooning, photography, selling advertising, or in handling business details. The editorial sponsor is Miss Cletis Headlee; the business sponsor, C. E. Cowan. The Crossroads, under the direction of Miss Venus Yount, is for students interested in working on the school annual. College Players, under the direction of Milton Brietzke, offers all types of dramatic work.

Circle K Club, sponsored by Wayne Gilbert, is mainly a service club for boys; and the Beta Beta Beta, guided by Mrs. Mary Kelly, provides social activities for girls. Miss Vera Steininger directs the Y. W. C. A. Harry C. Gockel sponsors the Young Republicans, and Mrs. Kelly the Young Democrats.

The Engineers' Club, for those enrolled in the engineering fields, is sponsored by Miss Martha McCormick and Ernest McClymond. For students interested in French, Spanish, or German, the Modern Language Club offers special enjoyment. Its sponsor is Mrs. Lillian Spangler. Student N.E.A., sponsored by Miss Ada Coffey and Dr. Lloyd Dryer, is an organization of the National Education

Association for students desiring to become teachers.

Fraternities and sororities of the College issue invitations for membership. Grades determine eligibility for Phi Theta Kappa, which is a national Arts and Science fraternity for men and women. Its sponsors are Miss Eula Ratekin and Harry Gockel. Pi Alpha Pi, for superior students enrolled in a business curriculum, is sponsored by C. E. Cowan and Miss Vera Steininger. Merrill Ellis and Oliver Sovereign sponsor Theta Mu Gamma, for qualified music students. The Student Senate, chosen by election, has as its sponsors Miss Ratekin and Dean Maurice Litton.

All of these organizations are enjoyable features in College life. Therefore, your participation in the group of your choice will be a benefit to you, and to the school.

Gala Mixer Diverts First-Day Jitters

The Cabinet inaugurated the annual mixer Monday night in the College gym with a reception line and scavenger hunt. Students then shuffled to the auditorium for a 30-minute program depicting stereotype college students: The Brain (Joy Roper), the Clod (Ron Camp), and the Lover Boy (Bill Gammill). Galen Irwin narrated the farce.

Following the program, everyone returned to the gym for dancing and refreshments. Carnival booths extending around the walls offered dart and baseball throwing, weight lifting, a fishing pond, and other amusements.

Serious Talks Impress Y.W.C.A. Conference Delegates

Ruth Jones, Joy Roper, and Karen Smith, who attended the Estes YMCA-YWCA Conference June 5-11 at Estes Park, Colorado, report that there was much interest in the world affairs sessions conducted by three speakers.

They said that Vladimir S. Alkhimov, former Communist counselor and USSR Embassy employee, spoke to the delegates on Russian beliefs and ideals. In addition to formal addresses, Alkhimov talked to smaller groups. Discussing Soviet intervention in Asia and Africa, he stated that the USSR wants only to give technical and economic aid to underdeveloped countries. However, he pointed out that the Russians would be jubilant if these countries should support the communistic way of life. The local representatives said that Alkhimov advocated complete disarmament in order to make more money available for the development of other countries.

Dr. Thomas Bennett and Winifred Armstrong, U. S. Congress representatives, were the other featured speakers. Bennett enumerated the four aspirations of the peoples of Africa and Asia as "independence, idea for community, recovery of their culture, and improved welfare and peace." American problems discussed concerned race relations and sit-in demonstrations.

The Joplin girls said these talks gave them much to talk and think about even when they were enjoying the lighter activities of conference week.

Are You Watching?

When you pass the bulletin boards on the second floor each morning, you should watch for announcements — announcements from the office, from organizations, and individuals. Also located on the second floor is the guidance bulletin board which will contain an adviser-advisee list and various messages from the faculty. Other bulletin boards throughout the building carry helpful information.

At the beginning of the second hour the Dean, and others, will make some announcements directly to the classrooms over the public address system.

Four Instructors Report Educational Summer

Miss Martha McCormick and Miss Eula Ratekin studied advancements made in their respective fields of mathematics and chemistry on National Science Foundation fellowships this summer.

From her studies at Rutgers University, Miss McCormick considered the advanced methods and terminology in teaching mathematics and the courses symbolic logic and algebra of sets as the newer developments most likely to be used in Juco's math department.

After the summer session ended, she toured the Caribbean and parts of South America. Miss McCormick said that she was extremely impressed with the ultra-modern University of Venezuela.

Included in Miss Ratekin's nine-week study course at Emory University were an informative series of lectures and field trips to the chemical laboratories of several industrial installations, plus a trip through the Oak Ridge plant in Tennessee.

Her studies consisted mainly of recent developments still in research manuscript form. From these, Miss Ratekin said that she gained a preview of what may someday be included in chemistry textbooks.

Harry C. Gockel attended a four-week alumni seminar at the University of Wisconsin conducted for those who wished to take courses at their leisure. His course, "The Background of Western Culture," featured lectures and discussions led by Robert C. Pooley, Chairman of the Department of Integrated Studies, and Aaron Ihde, Chairman of the

Chemistry Department.

The history instructor said that numerous guest speakers inspired interest in the studies of philosophy from Aristotle, Socrates, and Plato through the seventeenth century peak of philosophical and scientific thought.

Miss Venus Yount of the physical education department studied at the University of Colorado in a six-week summer session. A week-long dance clinic held in Stockton, California, highlighted her summer's work.

Lions Announce Remainder of '60 Football Schedule

Only six games and an open date remain on the Joplin Junior College football schedule this season after tonight's non-conference encounter with Independence, Kansas, at Junge stadium.

The Lions will launch their Interstate Conference campaign September 29 in a game against Wentworth Military Academy of Lexington at Junge field. Joplin is the conference defending champion.

The remainder of the schedule follows:

Sept. 22—Kansas State College of Pittsburg "B", there

Sept. 29—Wentworth, here*

Oct. 6 — Highland, Kansas, there*

Oct. 13 — Southwest Missouri State College "B", here

Oct. 20—Pratt, Kansas, here

Oct. 27—Open date

Nov. 2—Fort Scott, here*

*denotes conference game

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Seven Returning Lettermen Check Out Grid Equipment

Dudley Stegge's Joplin Junior College Lions began the tedious job of checking out football equipment Monday, August 23, at Junge stadium. The Lions opened drills Tuesday, August 24, in preparation for their opener September 10.

Thirty prospects, not including lettermen, greeted Stegge and assistant coach Doug Landrith at the first session. Five more candidates reported for Tuesday's initial workout, bringing the total turnout to 42 — only one less than last year.

Only seven returning lettermen hearkened to Stegge's call to arms, leaving several starting berths open to newcomers. The returnees are center Paul Rohmaller, ends Larry Moore and Bill Anderson, tackle J. D. Love, guard Everett Bartley and halfbacks Harry Smith and Leonard Greninger.

Only Love and Greninger saw regular action last season. Love, a 210-pound bulwark of the forward wall, was outstanding defensively, while Greninger played halfback on offense and defense.

Moore and Anderson saw limited action at ends, but both displayed talent for snaring passes. Rohmaller, Bartley, and Smith also were used sparingly.

Players checking out equipment include:

Centers — Rohmaller, Carthage; Bill Mauldin, Joplin, and Dave Scantlin, Sedalia.

Guards — Roger Kirby, Carthage; John Pierce, Joplin; Don Montee, Galena; Bartley, Carl Junction; Mike Hibbard, Riverton, and Lynn Patty, Carl Junction.

Tackles — Dale Walker, Carthage; Don Faucett, Carthage; Ronnie Darby, Webb City; Darrel Cantrell, Carl Junction; Lee Mascher, Joplin; Jerry Wynne, Webb City; Larry Standtorf, Seneca; Joe Stepp, Houston, Mo., and Love, Joplin.

Ends — Ron Fieker, Carthage; Anderson, Amarillo, Texas; Guy Bohnstedt, Webb City; Moore,

Joplin; Lynn Erickson, Neosho; Philip Hines, Seneca; Raymond Purcell, Carl Junction; Otis McGee, Aztec, N. M., and Steve Crowley, Joplin.

Quarterbacks—Glenn Graham, Carthage; Kenneth Walden, Columbus, and William Edmondson, Cassville.

Halfbacks—Wallace Carr, Fayetteville, Ark.; Jim Conger, Joplin; Lester Daniels, Neosho; Tim Hickman, Neosho; Greninger, Carthage; Bob Edmonson, Joplin; Smith, Carthage, and David Swaney, Galena.

Fullbacks — William Hayes, Fayetteville, Ark.; George Becker, Golden City; Danny Pennock, Riverton, and Ronnie Phillips, Pleasant Hill.

Fairbury Shades Joplin, 13 to 7

The Lions suffered from an acute case of "fumbleitis" Saturday night at Fairbury, Nebraska, as the alert Bombers came from behind for a 13-7 victory before a sparse gathering at Quinn field.

It was Joplin's first opening game defeat in eight years, and it rained Dudley Stegge's hopes for his first unbeaten season.

The Lions broke on top in the opening minutes of the game. Fullback William (Bull) Hayes, a 190-pound dynamo, slammed over center and scampered 30 yards for a touchdown. Hayes booted the extra point to lift the Lions to a 7-0 advantage.

Fairbury entered the scoring column late in the first stanza with quarterback Rieke plunging one yard for a touchdown and his conversion attempt going astray.

Fairbury threatened again in the third period and Joplin's defensive unit couldn't contain the Bombers. Fullback Larry Brown drove over for the TD. Rieke booted the extra point to give Fairbury its final victory margin.

Score by quarters:
Joplin 7 0 0 0—7
Fairbury 6 0 7 0—13

Lion Tales

By Clair Goodwin, Jr.

Well, since football season has arrived and pigskins are cluttering up the air again, it might be a good time for this department to dust off the old crystal ball and venture an opinion as to what awaits the J.J.C. Lions this season.

Actually, this is easier said than done — some of you may remember that we predicted Ingemar Johansson would retain his heavyweight boxing title without working up a good sweat; that the San Francisco Giants would walk off with the National League pennant, and that the Pittsburgh Pirates couldn't finish better than third. However, so much for our previous boners.

This time, with tongue in cheek, we'll try to contain ourselves and not saw off any limbs behind us. Anyway, before we make any so-called profound statements based on our superior (?) intellect, let us go on record as saying we hope the Lions have an undefeated season. (This column was written before the season opener at Fairbury, Nebraska.)

Now down to the crux of the matter and the reason this column is being composed.

Rebuilding Job

With only seven lettermen returning from last year's successful campaign, head coach Dudley Stegge faces an almost complete rebuilding job. Dudley lost not only his starting offensive backfield, but most of his offensive and defensive line.

Another coach might frown upon this situation, but not Dudley. He doesn't need to worry (at least not too much). The Lions of 1960 are blessed with plenty of beef and speed. "This is a real heavyweight team compared to last year's squad," Dudley stated. "And from what I've seen during the first few practices, we may even be faster than last season."

Last year's squad placed emphasis on defense—stressing the old axiom that a good defense is the best offense. However, this year the Lions have added a potent offense.

One of the reasons for this reverse of form could be the addition of fullback William (Bill) Hayes of Fayetteville, Arkansas. "The Bull," a ruggedly-built 200-pounder, constructed along the lines of tackle J. D. Love, could prove to be Stegge's meal ticket in many games this season.

Hayes Highly-Touted

Hayes comes highly-touted as a power runner and distance kicker from Fayetteville High School.

Pirates Hold Series Advantage Having Won 18 Out of 19 Games

A three-year thirst for revenge may be quenched tonight, as Dudley Stegge's Joplin Junior College Lions play host to the ever-powerful Pirates of Independence, Kansas, at 7:30 o'clock on the Junge stadium turf.

Tonight's contest marks the 19th gridiron meeting between the two schools, with Independence holding the series advantage, 18-1.

In 1956, Joplin registered its lone victory, 19-18. Even then,

however, the Lions had to overcome a 12-0 halftime deficit.

Since that time, the Buccaneers from Kansas have rolled up three straight victories, including a 31-0 triumph at Independence last year. That defeat represented Joplin's only loss of the season.

Stegge expects another strong squad from Kansas this year. "We'll be the definite underdogs tonight," he commented. "Independence always comes up with a tough team."

Coach Ray Cox would be the first one to agree with Stegge. Cox, who replaces Al Cerne as head football coach this season, has 16 lettermen returning from last year's squad, including one-man gang, Al Watson.

Watson, a speedy halfback from Union City, New Jersey, is the only starter returning from last year's Buc backfield. Against the Lions, he displayed a remarkable broken-field running ability accounting for almost 100 yards gained on the ground.

Also returning to the Pirates is quarterback Dennis Wade of Galena, Kan. Wade, a 155-pound sharpshooter, didn't start against Joplin last year, but was called on late in the first half. His needle-sharp passes led the Bucs to two touchdowns and provided several large gains.

Another returnee is 190-pound tackle Frank Petrigliano of West New York, New Jersey. Petrigliano was outstanding on defense last season, breaking the back of several Lion rallies with bone-jarring tackles.

Despite tabbing J.J.C. as the underdogs in tonight's test, Stegge is optimistic. "We have a bigger and faster team than last year," he says. "And you can never tell what will happen on a football field."

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